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OF ALL THE CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED ABROAD IN PRESS COVERAGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MANAGING EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES TOPS THE LIST. HE IS

EDWIN L. JAMES

WHOSE INITIAL FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH THE AEF DURING WORLD WAR I FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES. HE LATER BECAME CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES WITH HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON AND PERSONALLY COVERED ALL THE GREAT CONFERENCES IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD LEAGUE OF NATIONS, MEETINGS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ALLIES; REPARATIONS CONFERENCES, ETC. MR. JAMES HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A LONG TRIP TO EUROPE AND PARIS WHERE HE COVERED THE CURRENT MEETINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HE WILL PROBABLY GIVE US THE LOWDOWN ON

"THE TROUBLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS"

AND WAX NOSTALGIC ON THE NEW PARIS VERSUS THE OLD.

WYTHE WILLIAMS, FOUNDER PRESIDENT, WILL INTRODUCE "JIMMY" JAMES. HEADS OF THE VARIOUS WIRE SERVICES, NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO NETWORKS IN NEW YORK WILL ATTEND AND SIT AT THE HEAD TABLE.

RAILWAY PROGRESS ***** FOR PASSENGER COMFORT

----- CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO LINES -----

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors on Tuesday, November 23rd in the club rooms of the OPC at 8:30 P.M. Individual notices have been mailed by the Secretary.

A meeting of the Library Committee has been called for Monday, November 15th by Bill Doerflinger, Chairman of the Committee. Individual notices have been mailed.

Craig Thompson, chairman of the Admissions Committee, has announced that John Goette has been named to the Committee as an alternate.

Hosts for the Week of November 15th will be: Monday, November 15th - Adele Nathan; Tuesday, November 16th - Larry Blochman; Wednesday, November 17th - Jack Doorty; Thursday, November 18th - Marion Sanford.

Fred Oechsner, formerly Berlin manager for the United Press, is now the personal assistant of George V. Allen, of the Department of State -- with offices in the State Department Annex in Washington.

Marcel Wallenstein, London correspondent of the Kansas City Star for many years, has just sailed for Europe where he has been assigned to France by his paper. Wallenstein spent about six months in the States on his recent trip here.

Fred Abbott, newsreel liaison for the United Nations, aided many OPC members to cover the recent arrival of the first shipload of D.P.'s arriving in this country under the auspices of the United Nations.

Members of the OPC from Time magazine inform the office that Will Lang of Time-Life International has arrived in New York from Germany where he was assigned for the past months.

Members of the Overseas Press Club are invited to attend the tenth Annual Award of the Maria Moors Cabot prizes for the advancement of International Friendship of the Americas. Dean Ackerman of Columbia University has also sent out invitations to members for the tea and reception immediately following the ceremony in the Low Memorial Library on Friday, November 19th at 4 P.M.

Please call the office if you wish to attend the Newspaper Womens' Club Annual Dinner Dance at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Friday, November 19th.

P. H. Powell, President of the Foreign Press Association, informed the OPC this week that the Foreign Press Dinner scheduled for November 11th had been postponed until after the holidays when the personnel of the United Nations would return to New York from Paris.

HAVE YOU GIVEN A PICTURE OF YOURSELF TO THE CLUB *** THE WALLS ARE FULL OF INTERESTING SHOTS OF MEMBERS *** DON'T YOU WANT TO BE "HUNG"????????????????

Martin Sheridan will address the Adventurers' Club next week on "Living on Borrowed Time". He will talk about his experiences in the Coconut Grove fire.



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The Munich Press Club held its annual elections on November 1st. George Mance of INS was elected President; Kathleen McLaughlin, N.Y. Times, Vice President; C.J. Phillips, Komsley Press, Jack Fleischer, Publishing and Operations of the U.S. Military Government, Warren Trabant, also of USMG Publishing and Operations, Haynes Mahoney, Public Information of the USMG and Edmund Schecter, Chief of Radio Munich to the Board of Governors.

Members in Munich inform us that Mike Fodor is stationed in Berlin as the policy maker for the Military Government overtpublications.

Elizabeth Fagg, free lancing on some magazine assignments, saw many OPC members in Berlin and Frankfurt. She is on her way back to the States.

Hal Lehrman, author of "Russia's Europe, has left for Europe where he will be the correspondent for Fortune Magazine and several other papers in the Mid-West.

Geoffrey Parsons, Jr., editor of the Paris Edition of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, arrived in New York last Friday for several weeks' visit. The plane he took from Europe was held up in the fog here in the States and circled Boston, Washington, New York and Baltimore before finally landing at Philadelphia.

Mark Barron of the Associated Press married Bella Shikiaridis, also of the AP last week.

Henry Gellerman, who represented the UNESCO Health and Rehabilitation office, on his recent trip to Europe, went into all of the countries behind the iron curtain without any difficulty. He also went to the countries of western Europe. Before sailing, he married Lillian Nilson, movie star and one of the Goldwyn Girls.

WANT TO EXCHANGE::::: Two bedroom apartment in the East 60's between Madison and Fifth for a three bedroom house in Connecticut between Cos-Cob and Westport or commutable distance Hudson River way. If someone just wants to get rid of a house up that way, that is OK as apartment in town is easy to dispose of.

Don Coe and Johnny McTigue of the American Broadcasting Company were frantically trying to contact Bob Sturdevant, also OPC member for ABC in Paris, on a special broadcast of the United Nations last week. But alas and alack, the phone was busy all of the time -- Bob finally discovered that one of his offspring had taken the telephone receiver off the hook -- but just in time for him to come through with the spot broadcast.

FOR RENT..... Immediate sublet of apartment of two rooms, bath and kitchenette in Murray Hill section for \$255 per month. Lease till next September. Call the office.

Hugh Conway of the N.Y. World Telegram was snowed in on his plane trip to Europe for twelve hours in Iceland but has arrived on the Continent, safe and sound.

Joe Rosapepe's wife, Dorothy Carew, who was business and financial writer for the AP, has resigned and plans to free-lance. She was a member of the UP staff in Paris before the war. Joe is Financial Editor on the AP World Desk.

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Hal Isaacs of Newsweek and John Goette discussed the hot issue of American aid to China on CBS television show "People's Platform" Tuesday nite, Nov. 9th. Members in the clubrooms enjoyed the argument very much on the Club's GE television set which works perfectly now. Radar Winget of AP; Dickson Hartwell, free lance writer; Larry Blochman, Ralph Frantz of the Herald Tribune and others were present.

Philip Whitcomb, editor of John MacNair's European News Service called MACNEWS, wrote in the service from Paris last week that the Communist failure in France to get more than ten percent of the 100,000 delegates elected on Oct. 17th had been expected there. The new Senate to be chosen by these delegates will represent the solid middle masses of France who are tired of the DeGaullist and Communist bickerings.

The Overseas Press Club Bulletin is sent to most of the Correspondents' Clubs abroad.... notably, Munich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Tokyo, Shanghai, Manila, Paris, etc. We are now exchanging publications with the South African Society of Journalists... Member Bruce Gould, editor of the Ladies Home Journal, has renewed the Library subscription for this magazine received for the club reading room.

H. R. Knickerbocker, member of the OPC and Pulitzer Prize winner for distinguished work in foreign correspondence, writes an interesting article on Soviet Policy for Isaac Don Levine, another OPC member, who is editor of Plain Talk. The piece is the lead article in the November issue of the magazine and is titled "It Need Not Be War".

Charles White of the Muncie Star and Evening Standard has a project to decimate the PRO's. He is plugging for newspapers to pay their own way, for war correspondents to wear civies with only arm bands and for said correspondents to eat in the Officers' Mess only when invited and allowed to pay for it. Thus White hopes to ruin the prevailing excellent relations between the PRO's and the Press.... Charley thinks that as far as the public is concerned General William Tecumseh Sherman had the best of all possible press relations.....?????????

DON'T FORGET THE THANKSGIVING PARTY FOR THE YOUNG FRY OF OPC..... THE MACY PARADE WILL BE THE ATTRACTION ON THE MORNING OF THE HOLIDAY... MEMBERS SHOULD PLAN TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN AROUND 10 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.

Joe Peters of the American Weekly plans to go to Venezuela with his wife in December. The final arrangements are now being completed. This is the trip given by President Gallegos, the President of Venezuela, when he spoke at our luncheon last July.

Dick Hyman, in his cartoon "It's The Law" for the November issue of the American magazine cites the law of Clinton, Indiana where it is prohibited to take a bath in the wintertime.

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Tom Fitzsimmons of the Associated Press reports that when he left Palestine some weeks ago foreign correspondents in that area included Vic Bienstock of ONA; Dan de Luce of the AP; Jim Long of UP who is rumored about to marry an Israelite beauty; Ken Bilby of the N.Y. Herald Tribune with his charming wife Helen; John Luter of Time magazine and Roy Carlson of "Undercover" fame. The PIO has moved into a very spacious hotel overlooking the Mediterranean called the Ritz. James MacDonald, head of the American mission, seems to have a good bunch of guys with him and is well liked.

About sixty five members and their guests crowded the clubrooms at the Election Party. The shops on Times Square began boarding up their windows early in the afternoon but they need not have bothered. A good crowd jammed the sidewalks up to about ten P.M., but after that, Times Square was just like it is on any ordinary Tuesday night. NBC had McCarthy in the club to broadcast but alas, he did not have anything exciting to report. Bill Chaplin was switched to Democratic headquarters at the Hotel Biltmore at the last minute. WQXR, the N.Y. Times station, had three men in the clubrooms and broadcast three times during the evening.

The television set worked overtime for members in the club on November 2. Many OPC people felt that television was the reason for the absence of crowds in Times Square. The Election Bulletins on the returns were passed along to the club by the Times electricians who operate the famous sign running underneath the windows of the club. Our people who were covering the election worked harder than they expected and newspapers expressed as to what to put in their Wednesday morning editions. The famous Chicago Tribune which carried headlines "Dewey Wins" in its post-morning edition.

Lowell Thomas and John Daly of CBS carried the brunt of that network and were also in television shows; Bill Chaplin, H.V. Kaltenborn and Morgan Washington carried the ball for NBC; Elmer Davis, Don Coe, Gordon Fraser, Frederick for ABC and Cecil Brown and Henry J. Taylor for Mutual. (Only OPC mentioned as always in the Bulletin.)

A note for CBS coverage which was sponsored by Nash automobiles was made in W. Alicoate's Radio Daily. The lasting impression of listeners was, after interspersed commercials, that "Nash was way ahead".

Will Oursler, Bert Brandt, Ken Giniger, Henryk Gall, May Heaton Vorse, Arthur, Armando Zegri, Nick Parrino, John Barkham, Jim and Marjorie Young, Miller, Harris Peel, etc., were present at the club party. Marion Wyn Cravens and Grace Corson of the House Committee were congratulated at the buffet which boasted everything from lobster and smoked sturgeon

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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